

[21st October 1927]

A.—(a) The hon. Member presumably refers to the appointment of M.R.Ry. N. Raghunatha Ayyar as an Accountant in the Government Press in January 1925 when M.R.Ry. R. Ayyaswami Pillai was reverted from the post of head clerk in which he was then officiating to that of an ordinary clerk. M.R.Ry. Raghunatha Ayyar was not recruited to work the commercial system of accounts. His appointment was found necessary because there was no one in the Press who had passed the tests prescribed for the Accountant's post.

(b), (c) & (d) M.R.Ry. Raghunatha Ayyar was competent for and keen on the work for the performance of which he was recruited and he was confirmed in that post from 1st October 1925. His knowledge of a commercial system of accounts has no bearing on the question of his confirmation in the Accountant's post. A separate Accountant was appointed to work the commercial system.

(e) The Government do not consider that any enquiry is necessary.

*Alleged discontent of the employees of the Government Press.*

\* 800 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received complaints that the promotions and reductions and dismissals in the Government Press service have become very arbitrary, unjust and numerous for the last one or two years, and that the general state of affairs in the Government Press is far from satisfactory so far as the services are concerned; and

(b) whether the Government will consider the desirability of instituting a thorough enquiry into the grievances of the Press employees at an early date and take necessary action to alleviate the discontent prevailing in the department?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The Government do not consider that such an enquiry is necessary.

*Alleged dismissal of three compositors in the Government Press.*

\* 801 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that three compositors were dismissed for taking part in the employees' agitation for redress of grievances;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of the Government Press holds the formation of an association or union of employees in the Press with the help of outside public workers as unconstitutional; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the employees of the Government Press are threatened directly and indirectly with punishments if they join the Union or take an active part in the affairs of the Union?